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Ex-mayor plans to remain on OU Regents, other panels

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Former Oklahoma City Mayor Kirk Humphreys said Thursday his beliefs should not disqualify him from serving as vice chairman of the University of Oklahoma Board of Regents, despite mounting calls for him to resign.

"I think I'm qualified to continue to serve as a regent and I plan to do that," he told *The Oklahoman*. "The governor thought I was qualified when she nominated me. The Senate thought I was qualified when they confirmed me.

"I think that having a belief system that is rooted in my faith does not disqualify me from public service."

Humphreys came under fire this week for comments he made during a talk show exchange with state Rep. Emily Virgin, D-Norman, on KFOR's "Flash Point."

The comments appeared to link homosexuality and pedophilia, angering gay rights leaders, some OU students and others who called for him to resign or be removed from the OU Board of Regents.

Gov. Mary Fallin on Thursday called Humphreys' comments "regrettable and unfortunate."

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C.R. Trout and Shotgun Kowboy are shown at Remington Park [PHOTOS BY ERIECH TAPIA, FOR THE OKLAHOMAN]

A BREED APART

Edmond horseman enters Hall of Fame

BY ERIECH TAPIA
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EDMOND — C.R. Trout often recalls the days he spent going to the racetrack with his father nearly 30 years ago.

On Friday night, Trout will be recognized as one of Oklahoma's best horse trainers and breeders when he will be inducted into the Oklahoma Horse Racing Hall of Fame at Remington Park.

Trout will be joined in the 2017 Hall of Fame class by jockey Luis Quinonez of Jones, trainer Joe Offolter of Blanchard and Tulsa broadcaster Chris Lincoln. Two racehorses, Caleb's Posse and She's All In, also will be inducted.

They will be the first new members inducted into the Oklahoma Horse Racing Hall of Fame in five years.

Sunday is the Springboard Mile, Remington Park's top 2-year-old stakes race, and this year the race will help horses accrue eligibility points for the 2018 Kentucky Derby. The race carries a purse of $400,000.
[OKLAHOMAN ARCHIVES PHOTO]

Trout has won 195 races as an owner with total earnings of more than $6.8 million. His favorite horse, Shotgun Kowboy, won the Oklahoma Derby in 2015 and was named Oklahoma Horse of the Year.

"C.R. Trout has always had a horse-racing operation based on high-quality horses, over a high quantity of horses," said Dale Day, longtime track announcer at Remington Park.

"He has kept a strong band of broodmares who tend to produce constant winners for him. The process has been highly successful for Trout as he has won just about every stakes race offered at Remington Park, including the 2015 Oklahoma Derby with Shotgun Kowboy and numerous Oklahoma Classics stakes races."

In 1988, Trout left his job as a grocer and began a career of raising, racing and selling thoroughbred horses with his wife of 48 years, Arleta Trout.

"Since then, I have not missed a year," said Trout, 72.

"It is in his blood to be around those horses," said Arleta Trout, who has the job of naming the horses.

SEE BREED, 3A

No charge against OU running back

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NORMAN — Prosecutors decided not to charge Oklahoma running back Rodney Anderson with rape after learning his accuser told friends she had a great time with him and hoped for a longer relationship.

She had even called Anderson a "nice guy" for not going all the way with her, one of the friends told police.

Cleveland County District Attorney Greg Mashburn and his first assistant, Susan Caswell, announced the decision at a news conference Thursday afternoon.

Key to their decision was that what the accuser told three friends did not match what she first told Norman police two weeks later.

Also key was that she acknowledged to police that she never told Anderson to stop. She sent him text messages later that she had fun and hoped to see him again.

Rodney Anderson

"It's important to know the whole facts," Mashburn said. "Definitely, charges are not warranted under the circumstances."

Prosecutors stopped short of saying the accuser lied to police. They did confirm, though, that the first time she said she was raped was while talking to a former boyfriend about getting back together.

"She may well believe that this incident went further than what she wanted it to go," the DA said. "But, one, she never communicated that to

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2 ex-jailers charged with assault in death

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Two former Oklahoma County jailers have been charged with assault after an investigation into the death of an inmate who was repeatedly shot by pepper balls.

Colton Ray, 26, and Brian Harrison, 33, were charged Thursday with felony assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

At the time of the April incident, both were assigned to a special reaction team in the jail, records show.

Oklahoma County District Attorney David Prater said he found the defendants' actions were "without justifiable or excusable cause" when they shot the inmate with pepper ball guns.

Ray, a staff sergeant, resigned Aug. 8. He was hired in 2013.

Charlton Chrisman

Harrison, a detention officer, was fired Thursday after being charged. He was hired in 2012.

Both had been reassigned to not have contact with inmates immediately following the incident, a jail spokesman said.

The victim, Charlton Cash Chrisman, 40, of Yukon, died April 19 after two altercations with detention officers inside the jail.

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Forgiving God, remove our sins from us and remember them no more we implore You. Amen.

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